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Re: Applicant(s): George D. Papasouliotis and Robert A. Tas
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(2) This Transmittal Letter (in duplicate);
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(4) Executed Power of Attorney by Assignee of Entire Interest;
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